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- 1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p);
- 2. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 3. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing forty-two (42) documents (US1-US42);
- 4. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet) listing four (4) documents (NPL1-NPL4); and
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